

2006 Virginia Wildlife Photography Contest

It's time to enter your best photographs and let *Virginia Wildlife* magazine showcase your images for thousands to see. Special prizes will be donated by Eastman Kodak, Richmond Camera and *Virginia Wildlife* and will be given to contest winners. And, two very talented contest winner will have their photographs featured on the cover (adult) and back cover (kid) of *Virginia Wildlife* magazine as the Grand Prize.

Categories

1. *Birds of a Feather*
Photographs must be of birds native to and photographed in Virginia.
2. *Cold and Clammy Critters*
Photographs must be of reptiles, fish and amphibians native to Virginia.
3. *A Bug's Life*
Photographs must be of insects (which include butterflies), spiders, or other creepy-crawlies photographed in Virginia.
4. *Fantastic Flowers*
Photographs must be of flowers, trees, grasses and shrubs that are native to and photographed in Virginia.
5. *Marvelous Mammals*
Photographs must be of mammals native to and photographed in Virginia.
6. *Scenic Seasons*
Photographs will highlight the four seasons; Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall and shot in Virginia.
7. *The Sporting Life*
Pictures should feature hunting, fishing, boating and other outdoor recreational opportunities in Virginia. Please make sure that all activities are done in a SAFE manner (lifejackets, blaze orange, eye and hearing protection...when appropriate).
8. *Kids and Cameras*
This is a two-part category that encourages kids ages 6-12 and 13-18 to enter any of the above categories.

Rules:

1. The contest is open to any photographer (amateur or professional) except employees of the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. Contest-related usage rights must be available to *Virginia Wildlife*.
2. Each photographer may enter up to five (5) original slides or prints per category. **Each**

category must be labeled, sleeved and placed in separate envelopes, but may be mailed together in one envelope. Please mail kids and adult entries in separate envelopes.

3. All photographs submitted must have been taken in Virginia within the past five years.

4. All contest entries must be listed on a piece of paper or "Delivery Memo" with your name, address and phone number. Each entry must be individually listed on this paper stating the category in which it is entered and any details on how and where the image was taken. If possible, please indicate camera type, make, model, lens, film and settings used to take the photograph. Feel free to elaborate on any story surrounding the photograph as well. (If we have space we like to include information on how photographs were taken!)

5. Photographs may be sent in any slide/transparency format, such as 35mm, 2 1/4 or 4X5. Slides should be submitted in clear plastic storage sheets for ease of handling by the judges. Also, please note the top of the photograph by writing, "TOP" on the slide mount or on the back of the print. Color and/or black and white prints up to 5x7 or larger may be submitted as well.

Please do not send prints of digital photographs downloaded from a computer unless they are of high quality. Low-end photographic color printers do not produce prints well enough for reproduction in *Virginia Wildlife*. If digital prints (4x6 or bigger) are submitted they should be printed at a professional lab. **A CD containing the original digital file of each image must be included with your submission.** Computer generated photographs that are grainy or show pixilation cannot be accepted for judging. Do not submit photographs which have been digitally manipulated. Manipulation of exposure, cropping and some color correction is acceptable. It is not acceptable to remove or add features to an image. Please include your name, address and phone number on all slides or prints entered.

6. We prefer that all photographs taken be of wild animals or plants in the wild but will ac-

cept photographs of animals or plants taken under "controlled conditions" or in captive situations. Shots of animals or plants in the wild are given preference over captive shots. Wild animals should not be captured for the sole purpose of photographs for this contest. If you do photograph captive or "controlled" animals this **MUST** be stated in the Delivery Memo.

7. A self-addressed, First Class stamped 11" X 14" envelope (SASE) for return of your photographs must accompany all entries. The reason we require an 11 X 14 envelope is so that if your entries win, we can send you a copy of the magazine displaying your winning entry. **Submissions without a First Class SASE WILL NOT be returned!** If return is by Fed Ex (or other courier) please include a form already filled out with your name, address and phone number. **Please do not send money, checks or loose stamps.**

8. Deadline for submissions is 5:00 p.m., December 1, 2006. All submissions, except winning entries, will be mailed back by March 31, 2007. Winning entries will appear in the March 2007 issue of *Virginia Wildlife* magazine and will be returned by May 30, 2006.

9. Mail your contest entries to: 2006 Annual Photography Contest, c/o *Virginia Wildlife* Magazine, (4010 W. Broad St.) P.O. Box 11104, Richmond, VA 23230-1104. The courier address is: 2006 Annual Photography Contest c/o *Virginia Wildlife* Magazine, 4010 W. Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23230. It is recommended that you send and return your submission by certified, registered mail, or by a courier who uses a tracking number to locate lost packages.

10. *Virginia Wildlife* staff members and well-known wildlife/environmental photographer Lynda Richardson will judge all entries. Contest judges will not be responsible for the receipt of damaged photographs or the return of photographs not accompanied by a self-addressed, First Class stamped envelope.

The Virginia Wildlife Annual Photography Contest is offered as a way to bring greater appreciation of Virginia's wildlife and natural resources.

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